Steps to Prevent Atrocities on Scheduled Castes

4229. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a disturbing increase in the trend of commission of certain atrocities against SC/ST ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that on an average about 23,000 cases of atrocities are registered by the police every year in the country ;

(c) if so, the details therof during the last three years till date ; and

(d) what special steps Central Government have taken/proposed to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) to (d) Number of cases of atrocities against SCs and STs during 1991, 1992 and 1993 are as under :

Year	No. of cases registered		
	SC	ST	Total
1991 .	17820	3635	21505
1992 .	18014	2820	20834
1993 . (Provisional)	16700	3074	19774

Steps taken to curb atrocities on SCs and STs include following :

(i) The States/UTs are requested every year to send proposals for seeking central assistance at 50:50 basis for implementation of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the SC and the ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 under a Centrally Sponsored Programme. During 1993-94, against a provision of Rs. 650 lakhs in the budget, an amount of Rs. 706 lakhs has been released.

(ii) All the State Governments and UT Administrations except Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Nagaland have specified existing Courts of Sessions as the Special Courts for the trial of offences under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. The State Governments of Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh have set up sixteen and three exclusive Special Courts for trying such cases.

(iii) Detailed guidelines have been issued to the States and UTs suggesting various precautionary, preventive, punitive and rehabilitative measures to prevent crimes against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

(iv) A Conference of Chief Ministers under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister was held on 4-5th October, 1991 on Prevention of Atrocities on SCs and STs, and the various recommendations were forwarded to the States/UTs for necessary action.

(v) In addition to this, Welfare Minister vide his d.o. letter dated 3-6-93 also requested all the Chief Ministers, Lt. Governors and Administrators of all the States/UTs to :

(a) initiate measures for speedy disposal of cases of atrocities preferably within a definite time frame ;

(b) to conduct systematic study and analysis of the reasons responsible for delayed or faulty investigation ; and

(c) to consider due representation of persons belonging to SC and ST communities in the police forces at various levels in order to inspire confidence amongst them in the police machinery and to create a deterrent effect among the perpetrators of atrocities.

Grants-in-Aid to voluntary organisation for development of Scheduled Castes

4230. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a Central Scheme to give Grants-in-Aid to voluntary organisations for the development of Scheduled Castes;

(b) if so, the number of voluntary organisations which have been released Grants-in-Aid under this scheme during the last three years;

(c) whether some new cases of voluntary organisations have been examined during this period; and

(d) if so, what decision Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are as under :

Period	No. of voluntary organisations given grants-in-aid	
1991-92 . . .	59	(including new organisations)
1992-93 . .	135	(do.)
1993-94 . . .	204	(do.)

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The number of new cases of voluntary organisations examined and sanctioned grants-in-aid during the last three years is as below :—

Period	No. of new organisations sanctioned grants-in-aid
1991-92 . . .	19
1992-93 . . .	79
1993-94 . . .	88

Programmes to ameliorate conditions of Scheduled Castes/Tribes

4231. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of programmes have been launched to ameliorate the conditions of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to enable them to cross the poverty line; and

(b) if so, whether Government have observed that funds allocated for such programmes, including those given by Central Government are diverted by State Governments to other areas or find way into unintended channels, if so, the amounts so diverted during 1992-93 and 1993-94 statewise and the steps taken to prevent such diversion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Welfare has launched several schemes for the economic and educational development of Scheduled Castes in the form of Central and Centrally Sponsored schemes. List of such schemes is placed at Statement (*See* below).

(b) There is no information available in this Ministry regarding diversion of funds allocated for developmental programmes for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes given by the Central Government to the States. The State Governments were asked to give details in this regard. In response to our letters to State Governments/UT administrations, 12 States/UTs viz. Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tripura, Delhi, Daman & Diu, Meghalaya, A&N Islands and Lakshadweep have furnished 'NIL' information. If necessary, suitable instructions shall be issued to the State Governments.

Statement

Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented by the Government of India in the Ministry of Welfare for Socio-economic Development of SCs/STs

1. Post-Matric Scholarships (Centrally Sponsored).

2. Government Scholarships to the students for studies abroad (Non-Plan Central).

3. Pre-matric Scholarship Centrally Sponsored).

4. Book-Banks (Centrally Sponsored).

5. Girls Hostels (Centrally Sponsored).

6. Boys Hostels (Centrally Sponsored).

7. Coaching and Allied Schemes (Pre-Examination Training (Centrally Sponsored).

8. Assistance to Voluntary Organisations (Central).

9. Strengthening of Machinery for enforcement of Protection of Civil Rights Act. 1955 (Centrally Sponsored).

10. Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavangers (Central).

11. (a) Scheduled Castes Development Corporation (Centrally Sponsored).

(b) National SC and ST Finance and Development Corporation (Central).

12. Research and Training (Central).

13. Grant-in-aid to Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (Central).

14. Price support to TRIFED (Central).

15. Establishment of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub Plan Area (Centrally Sponsored).

16. Investment in TRIFED (Central).

17. Development of Oil Seeds and Oil of Tree origin in Tribal Areas (Central).

18. Special Central Assistance for Special Component Plan (Central).

19. Special Central Assistance for Tribal Sub-Plan (Central).

20. Special educational development programme for girls belonging to Scheduled Castes of very low literacy levels.

21. Educational complex in low literacy pockets for development of women literacy in tribal areas.

22. Vocational training in Tribal Areas.

23. Grants-in-aid to State Tribal Development Co-operative Corporations for Minor Forest produce.